

BALTIMORE CITY--COMMISSION FOR HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL PRESERVATION

CDBG SURVEY YEAR:12

SURVEY NO.:B-3974

AREA:Madison Square-Oliver Historic District

MAGI NO.:0439745508

ADDRESS:1100 & 1108 North Eden Street

CURRENT NAME:Grace Memorial Baptist Church and Manse



BLOCK: LOT:

LOT SIZE:100'x100'(Church)

HEIGHT:

MATERIALS:Granite

CONDITION:Good

OWNER:Grace Memorial Baptist Church (Church)

ADDRESS:1100 North Eden Street

USE:Religious Structure

ACCESSIBLE:Yes, restricted

DESIGNATION:

LIBER/FOLIO:SCL 4968-93 (Church)

HISTORIC NAME:Holy Innocents Episcopal Church and Manse

DATE:1874 (Church)/ 1897 (Manse)

ARCHITECT/BUILDER:Frank Davis--architect (Church)/R. Jones--builder (Manse)

STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE):Gothic Revival

DESCRIPTION:

Holy Innocents Church, 110 N. Eden St., is a small Gothic Revival building, located on the northwest corner of the intersection of Eden and Chase Sts., diagonally northwest of Madison Sq. in east Baltimore, MD. The 1874 church, built of Port Deposit granite, is in a cruciform plan. Its Gothic Revival details include lancet stained glass windows, buttresses, and pointed arches. The roof is a cross gable with a thin wood cornice. At the southeast corner of the facade is a 3 story, square bell tower. A 6 sided tower is located at the southwest corner. Both towers originally had spire roofs; the bell tower's was the most prominent, with louvered lancet windows. The spires have been removed, the rear between 1901-37, and the front by 1937. The interior has been altered. Some of the original woodwork remains, although it has been recycled. The present altar and the railing surrounding the basement stairway were built with the woodwork that was originally on the back wall of the sanctuary. To the north of the church is the 1897 manse, 1108 Eden. It is a rectangular, free standing, brick dwelling, 3 bays wide--all windows, and 3 stories tall, with a raised basement. It has a primary side entrance on the south elevation. Also on the south is a 2 story wooden bay window. The manse's facade is covered with rock faced ashlar that matches the church. It has a bowed center. There is a large overhanging wood dentil cornice, below it is a thin projecting stone ledge.

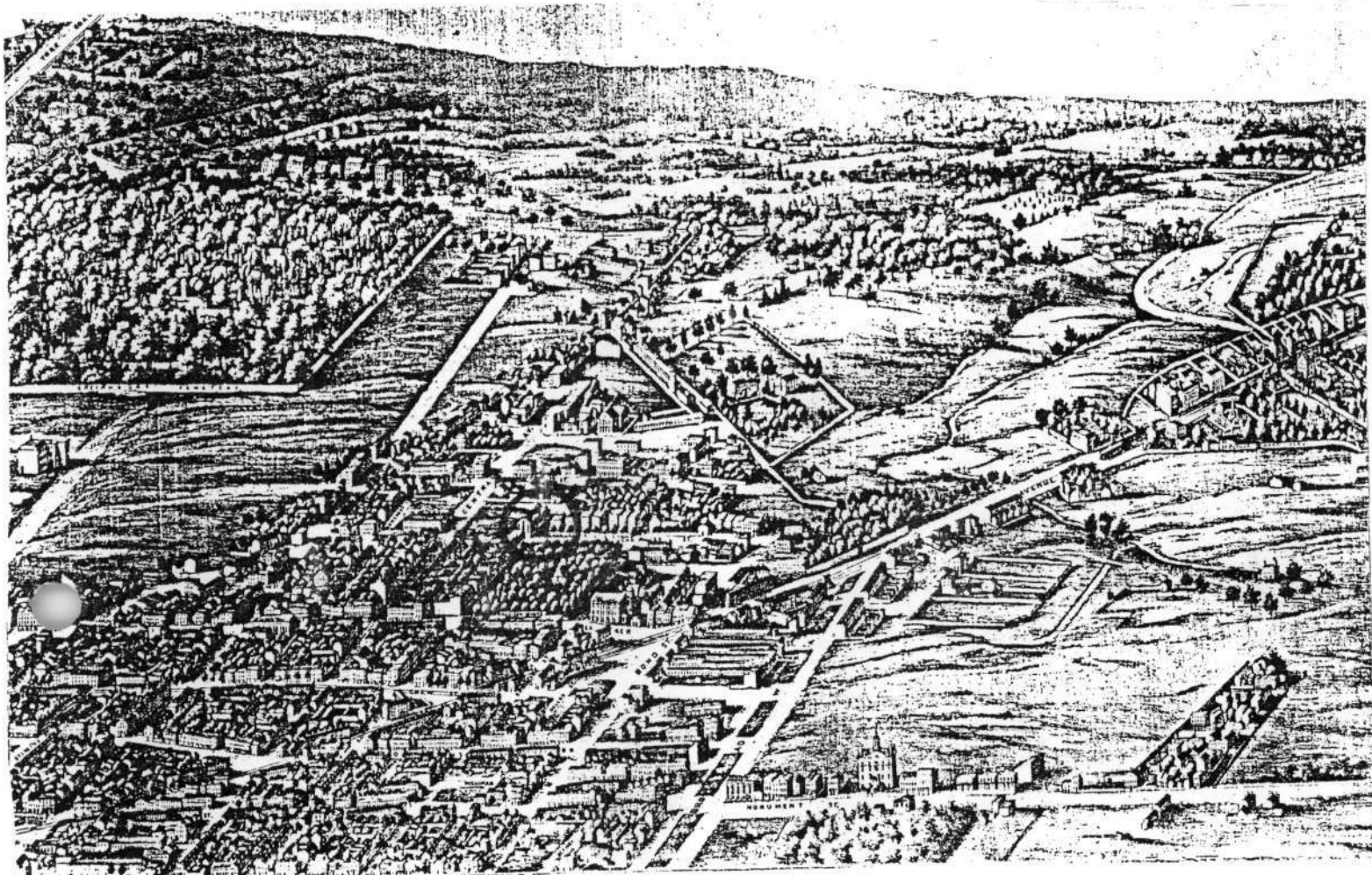
SIGNIFICANCE:

AREA:Architecture, Social LEVEL:Local

Holy Innocents is an example of the high church congregations use of the Gothic Revival style during the latter half of the nineteenth century. These denominations considered Gothic Revival to be the most correct form of architecture for ecclesiastical structures. It is also noteworthy as a product of the Episcopal Church's missionary movement in urban ethnic neighborhoods. Holy Innocents was founded as the Northeast Mission District. At that time the area had a very large, devout Catholic population. The first Holy Innocents, a frame structure, was built at 1100 Eden in 1855. In 1874 it was moved to the corner of Chase St. and Collington Ave. and replaced by a more fashionable building--the present church. The Holy Innocents congregation was never able to gain a strong foothold in the neighborhood and left in 1925. The Inventory of Church Archives (1940) explains that "surrounded as it was by Negroes, Italians, and Jews, it was forced to discontinue its services." In 1929 Grace Memorial Baptist Church moved into the building. This black congregation formed in 1927 at a private home. Before purchasing Holy Innocents they held services above a lunchroom at 200-02 N. Caroline St.

SOURCES:Boyles,Johnnie.Interview. 7/1986.; Diocese of MD. Journal of Convention 1858-94.;Sanborn. 1901; Sun. 9/29/1874 & 3/6/1878 & 4/30/97.;Scharf.;V.F., MD. Diocesan Archives.; V.F., Pratt.

SURVEYOR AND DATE:Mary K. Mannix, August 1986



FIRST BUILDING OF HOLY INNOCENTS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

E. Sachse & Co.'s Bird's Eye View of the City of Baltimore 1869.

Baltimore, Md., September 1st, 1874.  
Mr. J. F. W. W. W. W. W.  
Dear Sir

Your attention is respectfully  
called to the accompanying representation of the

### Church of the Holy Innocents,

now erecting at the CORNER OF EDEN AND CHASE STREETS.  
The foundation is completed, and the Corner Stone  
is to be laid with appropriate religious services, on

Monday, September 28th, 1874,

at 4 o'clock, P. M. You are cordially invited to be  
present, and to make a liberal offering. Should you  
be unable to attend, please enclose a contribution to  
any of the undersigned.

Rev. THOS. U. DUDLEY, D.D., 20 Read St.

Rev. P. N. MEADE, 268 E. Chase St.

M. W. LOCKE, 397 Central Avenue,

No. 9 South Charles.. W. G. ATKINSON, 279 N. Caroline St.

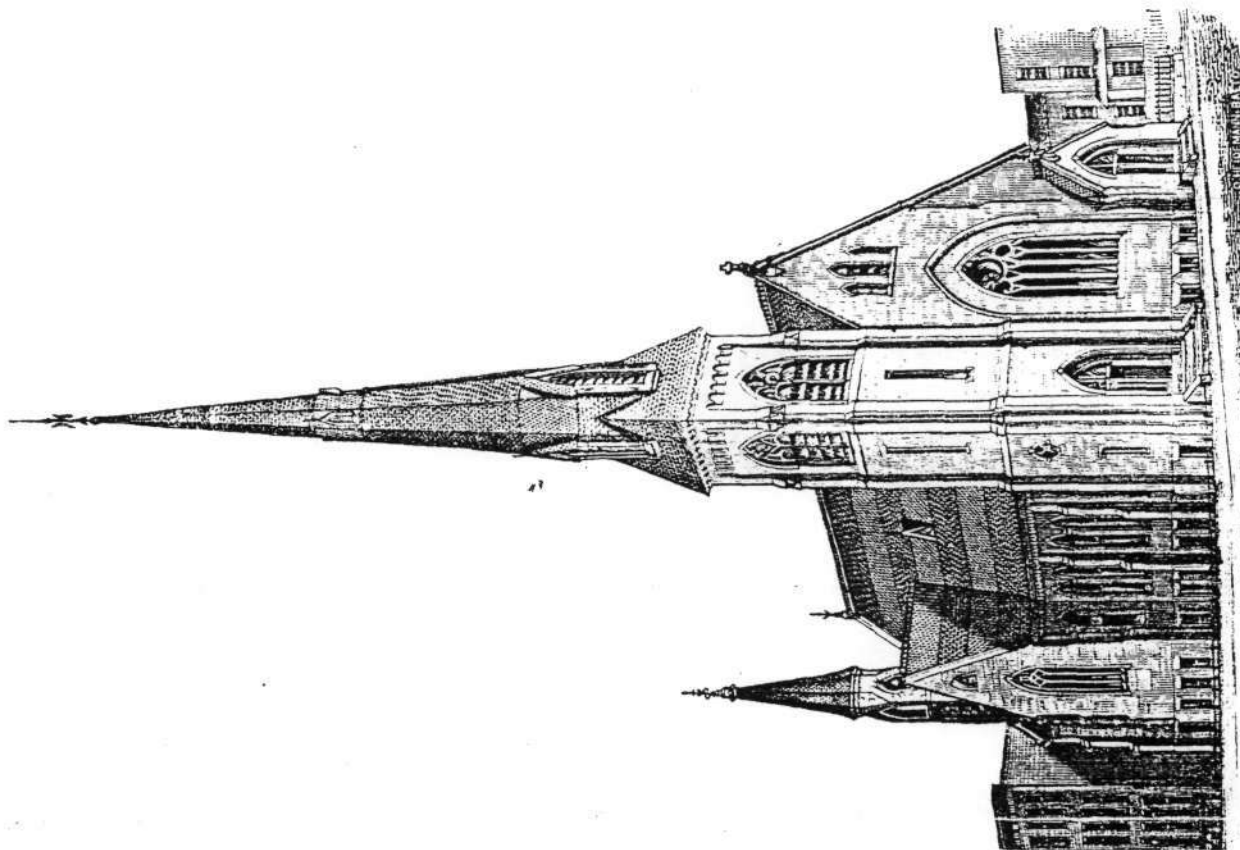
JNO. E. MARSHALL, 316 N. Caroline St.

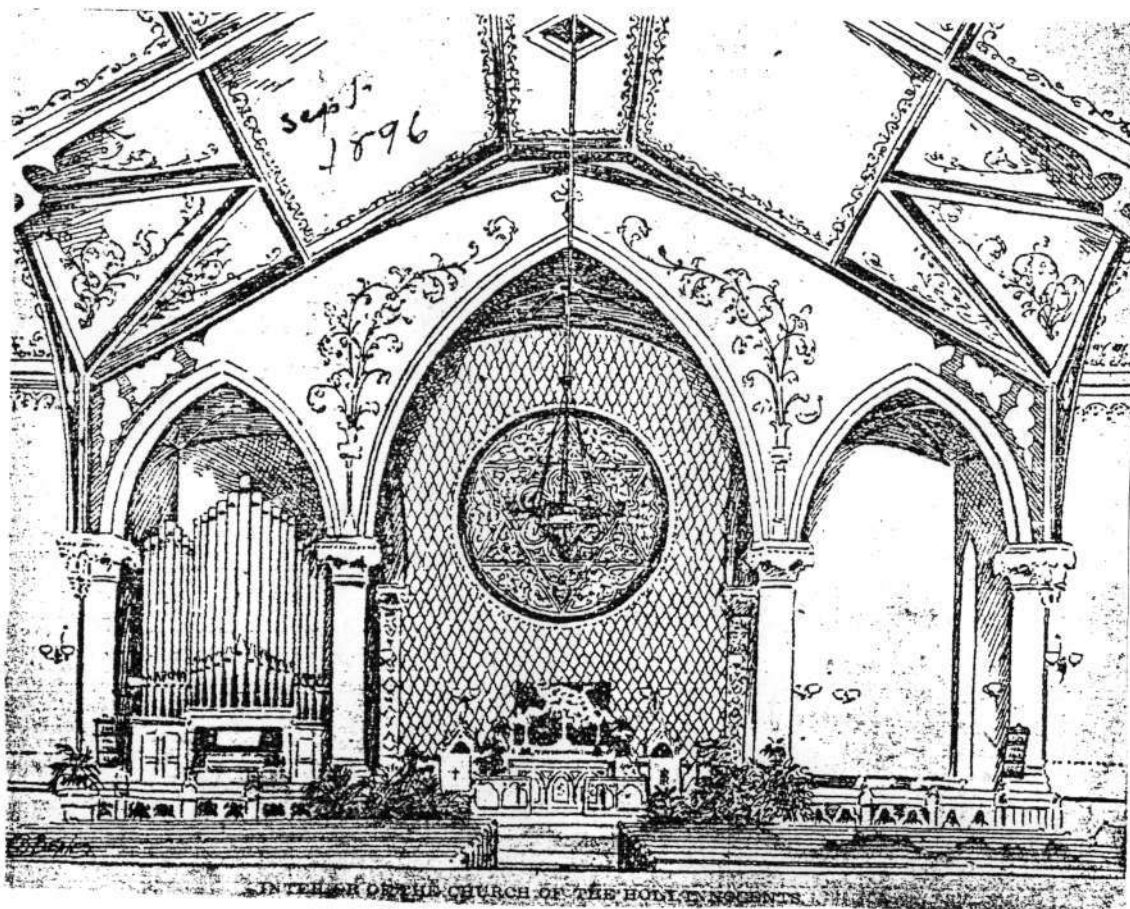
City Com'r's Office.... R. H. JOHNS, 420 Harford Avenue.

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DAVID R. T. A. WHITTINGHAM.

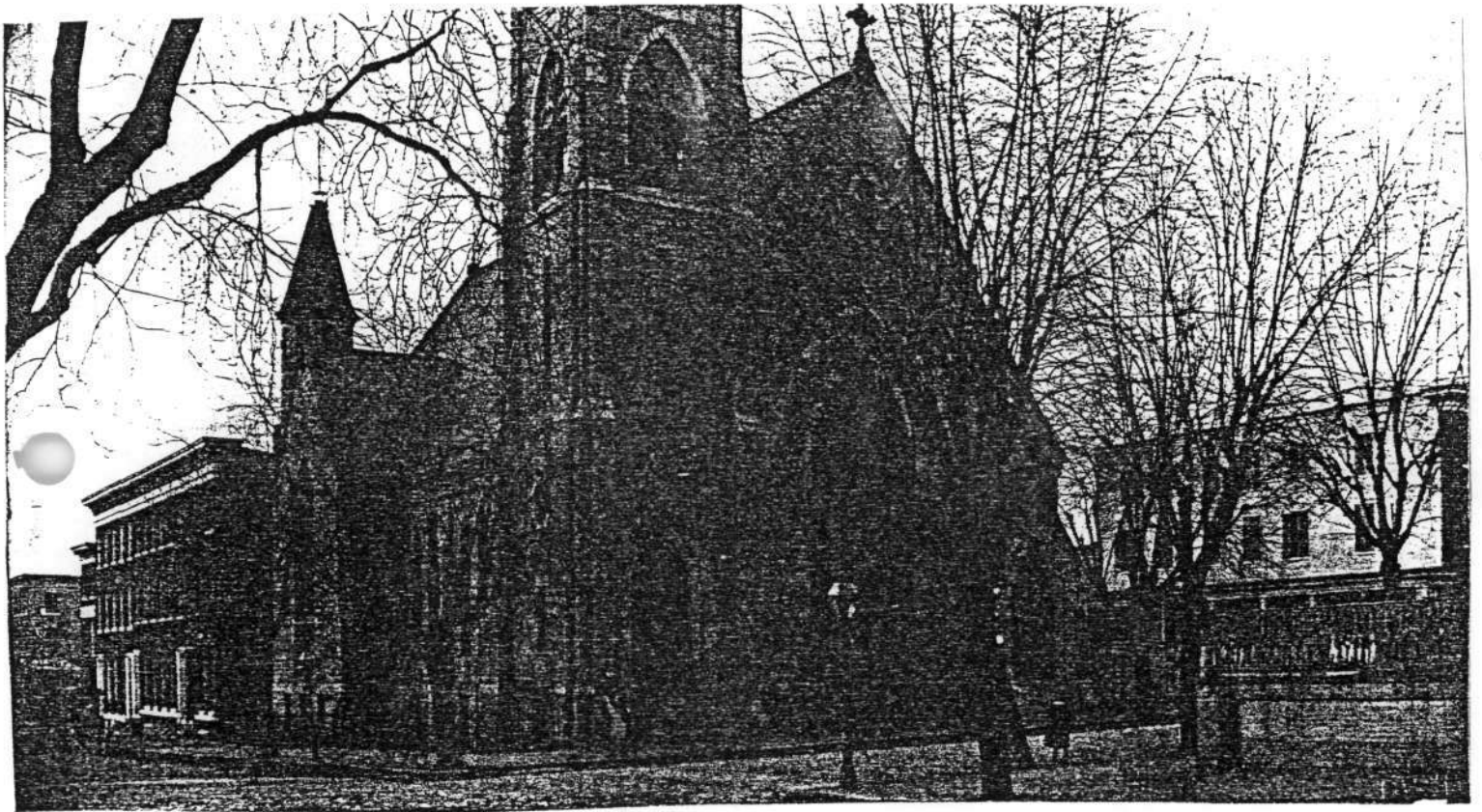
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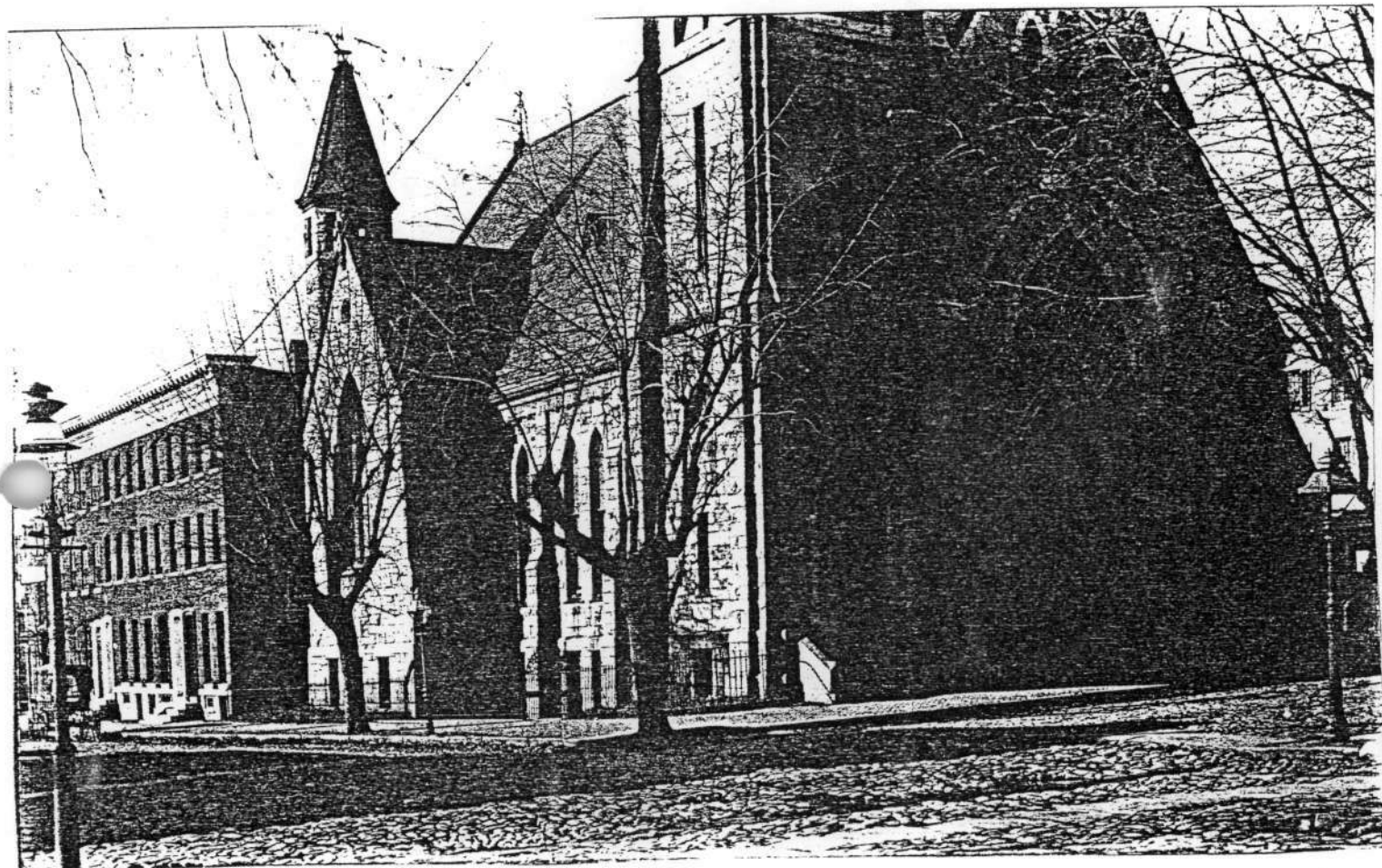
INTERIOR, HOLY INNOCENTS EPISCOPAL CHURCH, [CA. 1896]  
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Holy Innocents Scrapbook, Maryland Diocesan Archives, Maryland  
Historical Society.



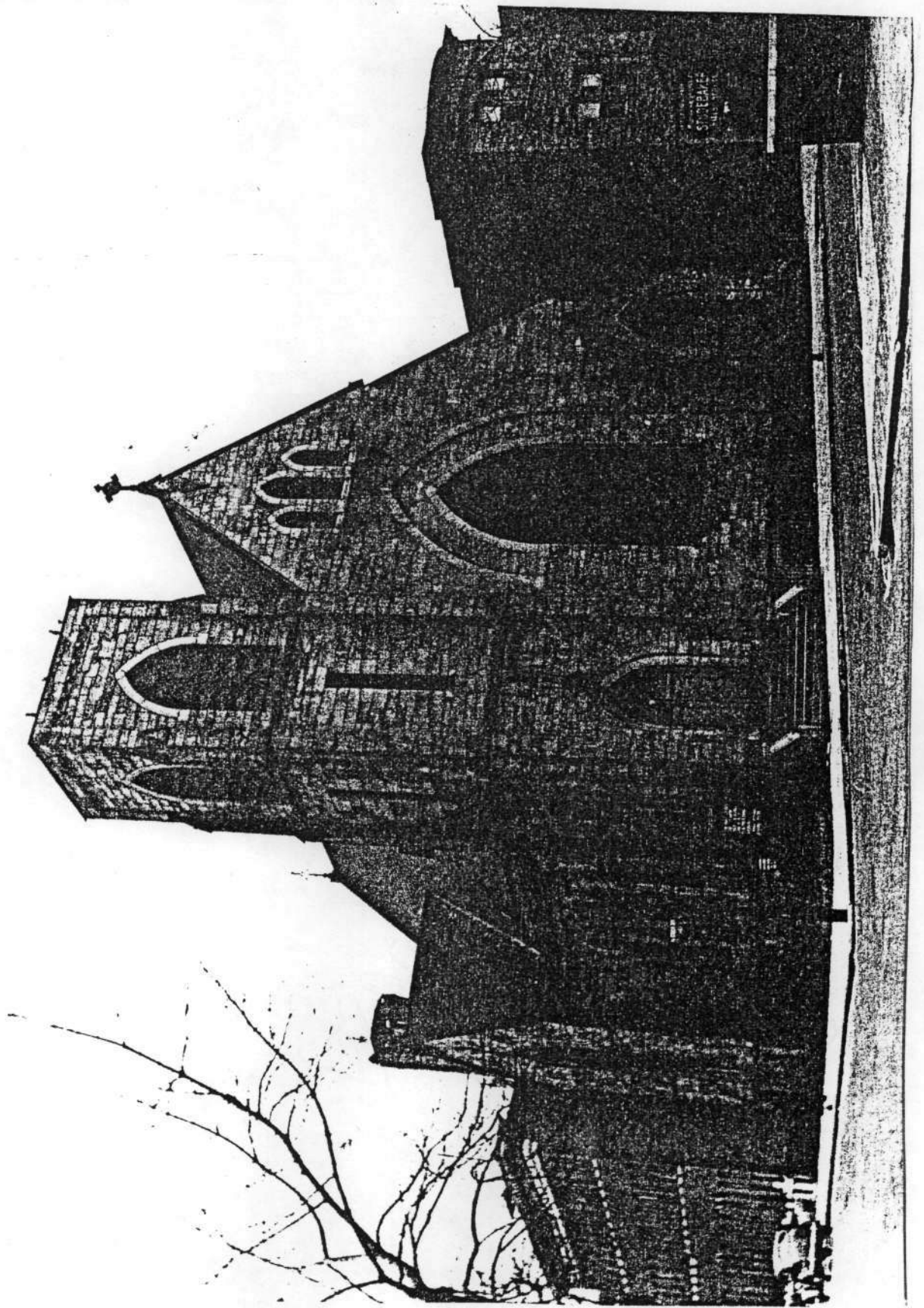
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HOLY INNOCENTS EPISCOPAL CHURCH AND RECTORY, 1937.

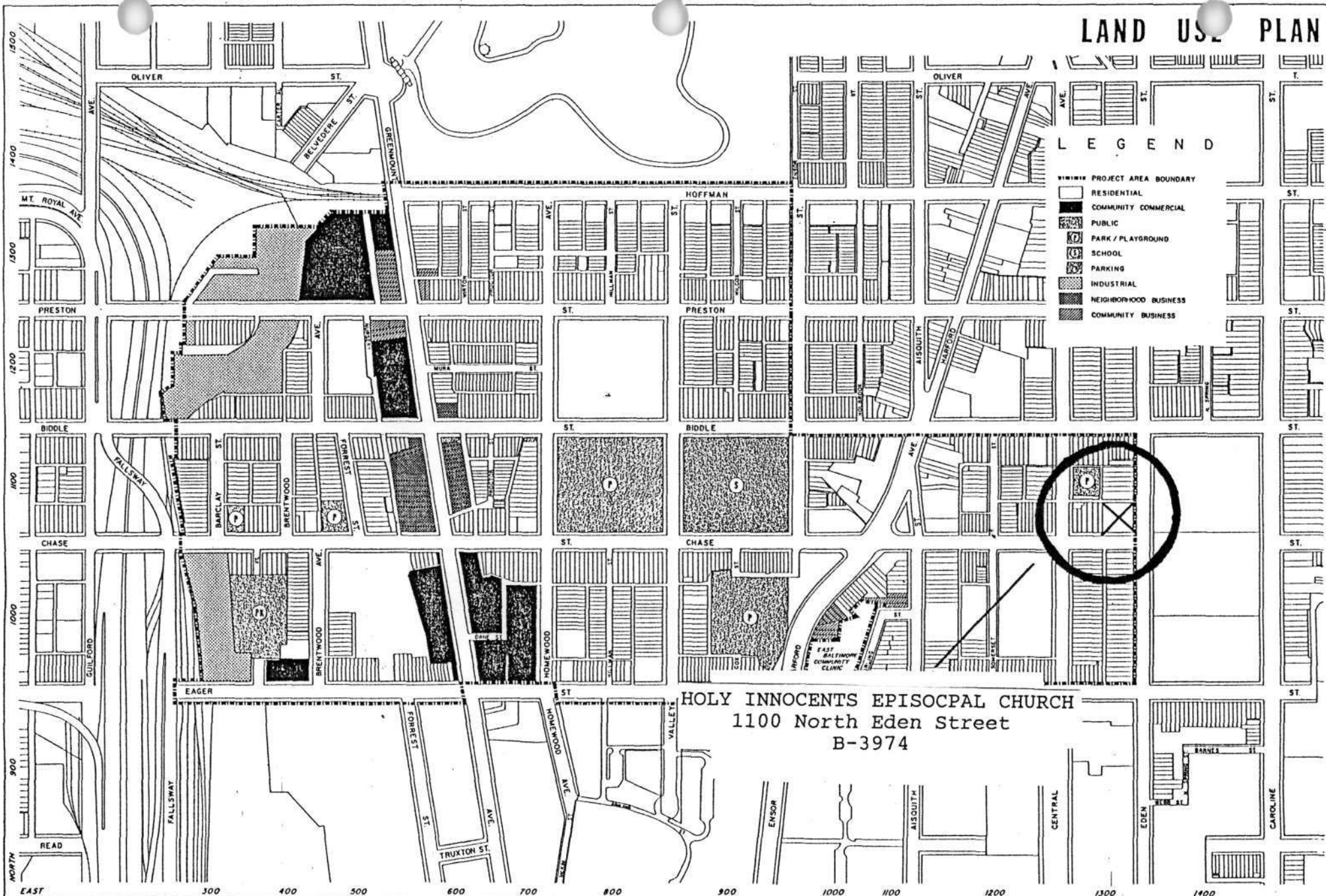
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- SCHOOL
- PARKING
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- COMMUNITY BUSINESS



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# JOHNSTON SQUARE

PLANNING DIVISION



DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT



BALTIMORE, MARYLAND

## LAND USE PLAN

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APPROVED:

REVISION:  
1/25/78  
2/25/78  
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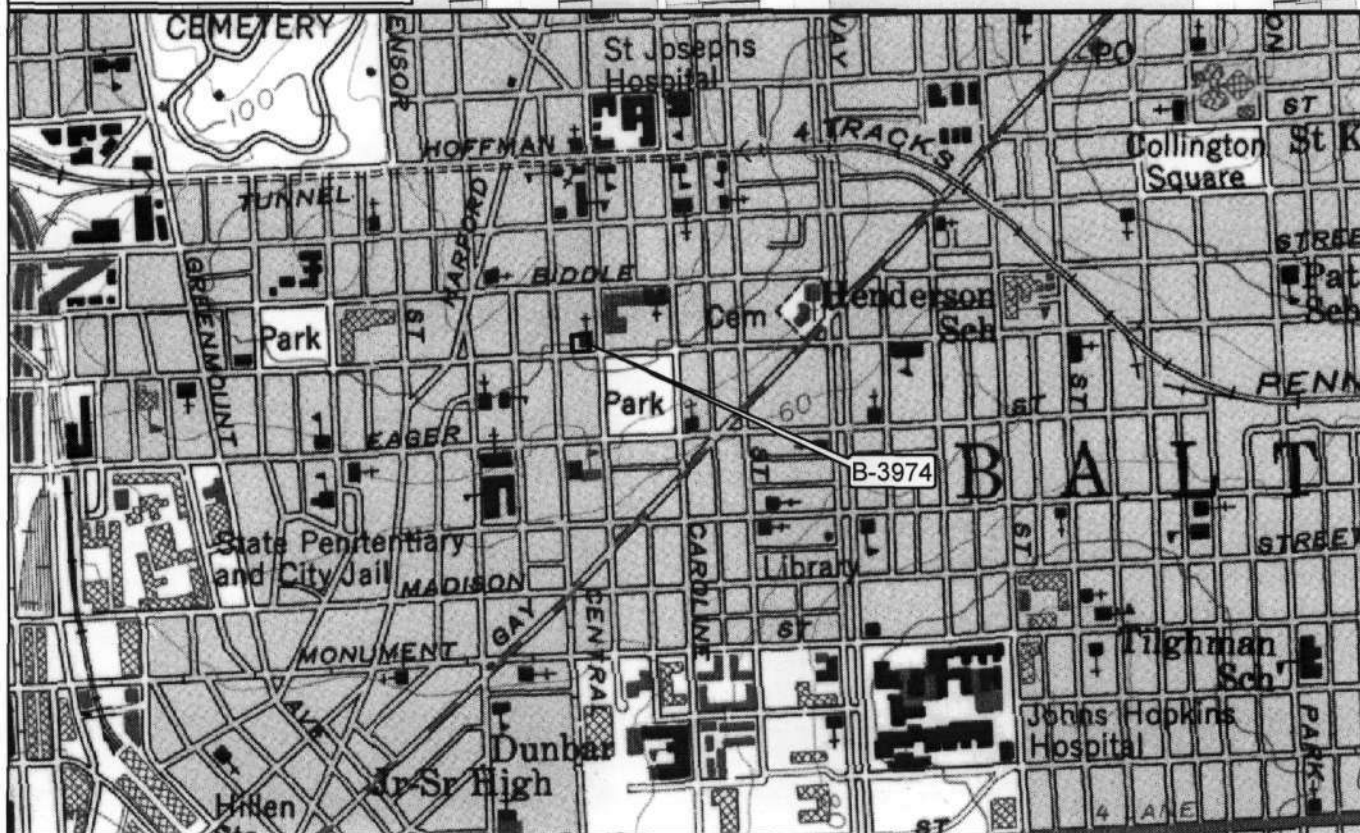
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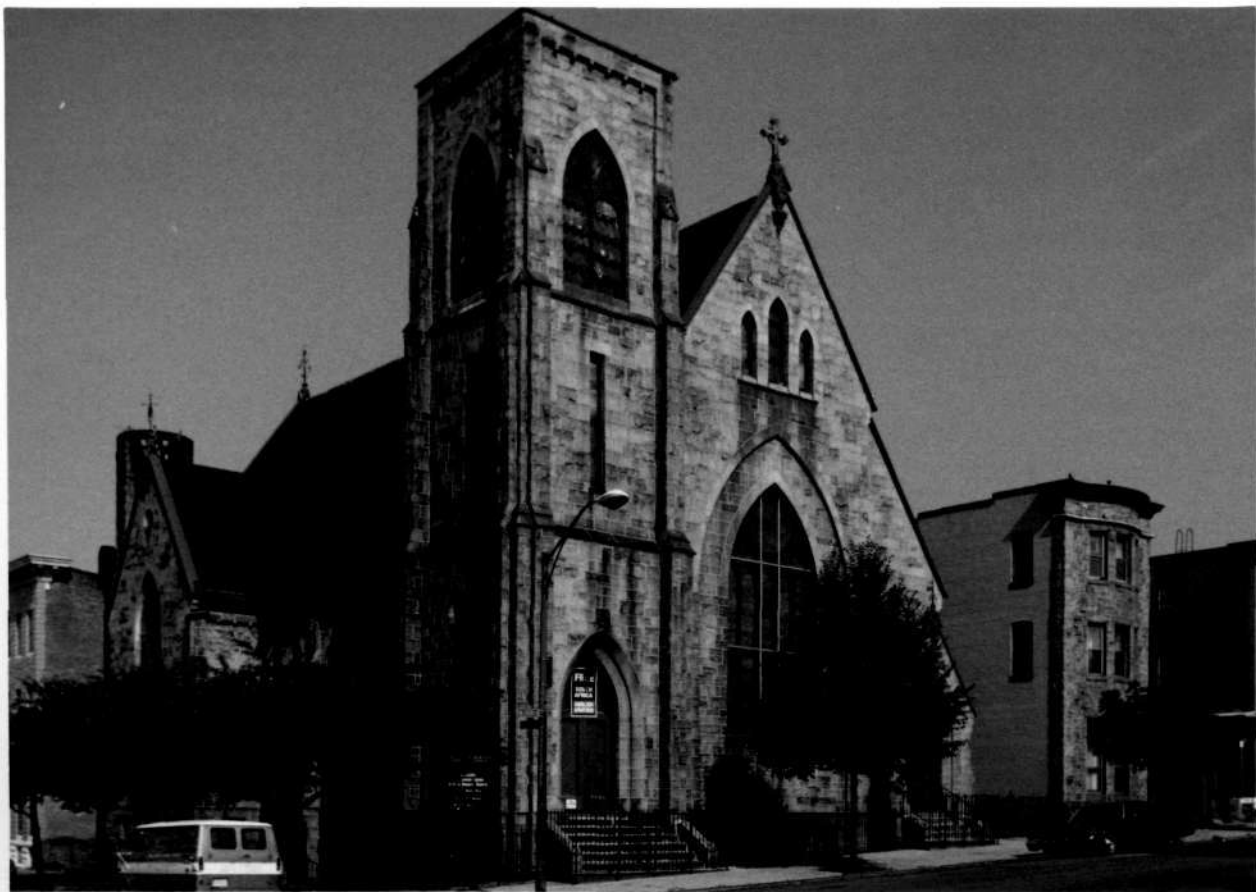
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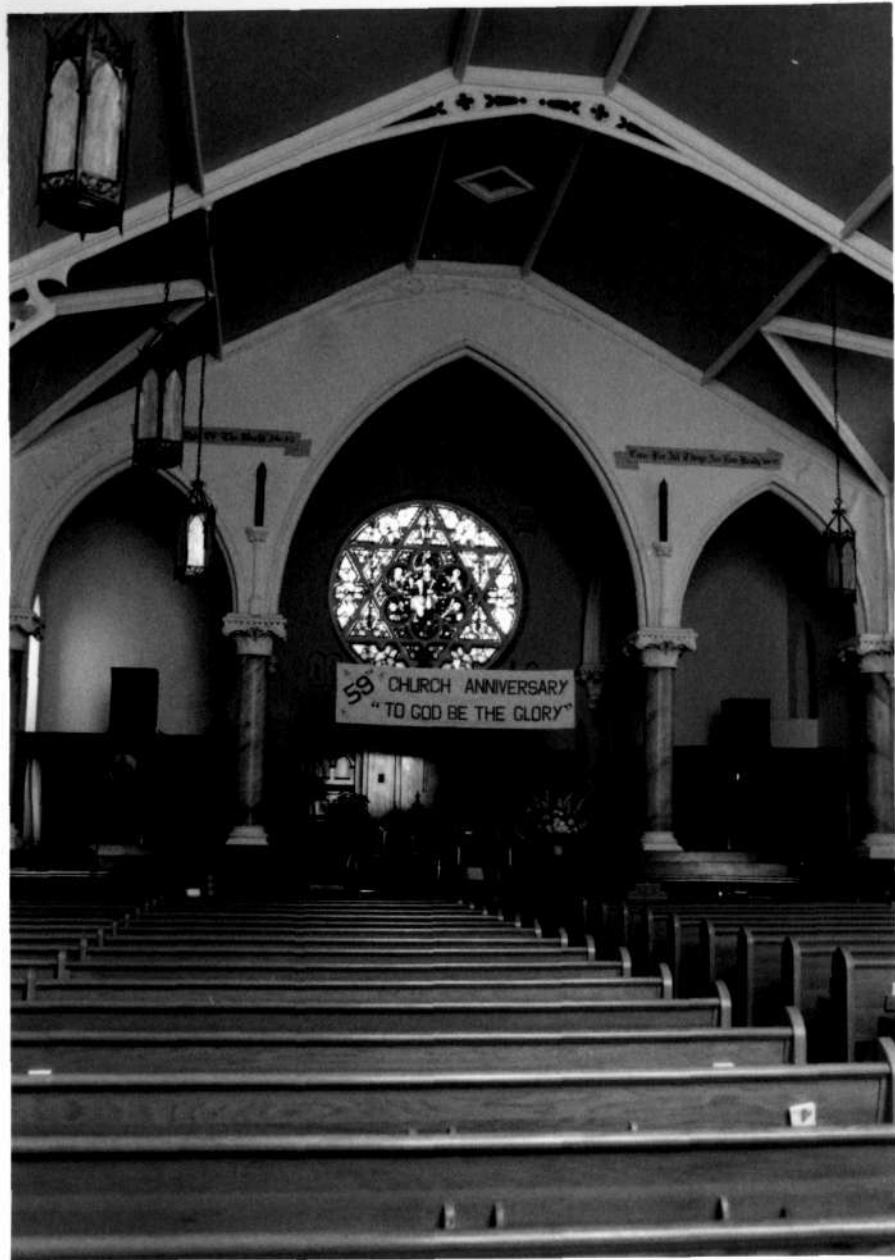
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Southeast corner view

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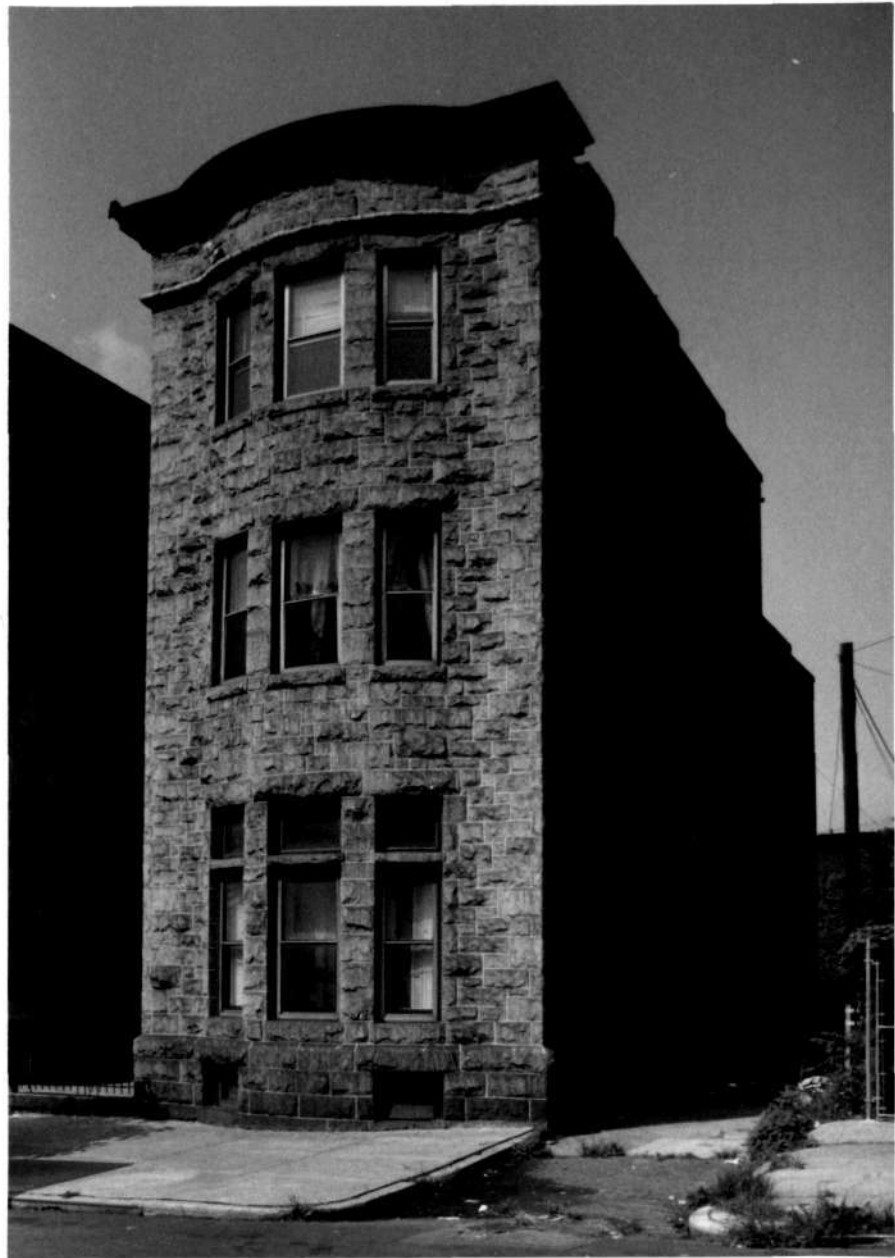
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Interior, general view

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Rectory, 1108 N. Eden, east elevation

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